



Department of Pesticide Regulation



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TO: County Agricultural Commissioners

SUBJECT: QUALIFIER CODE FOR SEEDLESS COMMODITIES

Background The Seedless Mandarin and Honeybee Coexistence Working Group was formed in response to AB 771 signed by Governor Schwarzenegger in October 2007. This legislation mandates that by June 2008, growers of seedless mandarins (tangerines) and honeybee keepers work together to avoid cross-pollination. The impacted counties are Fresno, Kern, Madera, and Tulare.

Desired action In order to be proactive, county staff has requested a qualifier code to be used when issuing permits for seedless mandarin sites. Counties currently map apiaries and will be able to track and coordinate the interaction of the seedless mandarin sites and the apiary locations.

Result The Department of Pesticide Regulation has issued qualifier code -07 that can be used for the pesticide permit and use reporting programs to track any commodity with a seedless variety. This new qualifier code can be used beginning with the 2008 permit and use-reporting year. Although there are currently only four impacted counties, the department felt that using a qualifier code denoting “seedless” for any commodity could be useful for other counties in the future.



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If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Linda Lichtenberger at (916) 445-4127 or <lichtenberger@cdpr.ca.gov>. Thank you again for your support of these county/state programs.

Sincerely,

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